

22ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO: 2015-13020

DIVISION: B

STATE OF LOUISIANA-DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION,
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
DISASTER RECOVERY UNIT -
HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

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VS.

JUL 23 2015

ESSIE L. ROBERTSON AND GEORGE ROBERTSON

MALISE PRIETO- CLERK
Deputy *S/Adm. Incls*

**PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT AND FOR
JUDGMENT TO RECOVER HAZARD MITIGATION
GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS**

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, comes Petitioner, the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development, Disaster Recovery Unit - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (hereinafter "HMGP"), which respectfully files this Petition for Declaratory Judgment and for Judgment to Recover Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds. In support, HMGP respectfully represents:

1.

The Defendants in this case are Essie L. Robertson and George Robertson, majors domiciled in St. Tammany Parish, who voluntarily participated in HMGP to mitigate their home after Hurricane Katrina.

2.

HMGP is a mitigation program funded by FEMA and is administered by the State of Louisiana, the grantee. HMGP assists homeowners whose homes were damaged as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It also helps homeowners in coastal Louisiana protect their homes from damage which may occur in future natural disasters by elevating their homes, reconstructing safer structures, or installing individual mitigation measures. The State of Louisiana serves as the funding vehicle by which FEMA funds are awarded to eligible homeowners.

3.

Defendants executed a Voluntary Participation Agreement (hereinafter "VPA") on April 15, 2010 to participate in HMGP and to receive an HMGP grant. Defendants also agreed to comply with all HMGP guidelines, which includes using HMGP funds for their intended purpose. *Exhibit A.*

4.

FEMA grant funds in the amount of \$9,475.50 (hereinafter "FEMA Grant Funds") were paid to Defendants by HMGP on or about May 25, 2010 for the specific purpose of Elevation Measures (hereinafter "Elevation") to their home located at 2648 Fifth Street, Slidell, LA 70458. *Exhibit B*.

5.

Photographs dated March 31, 2015 show that although the FEMA Grant Funds were received, Defendants' home was not elevated. *Exhibit C (in globo)*.

6.

Three (3) separate collection letters were mailed to Defendants at 2648 Fifth Street, Slidell, LA 70458, which was the address submitted by them when they applied for the HMGP grant. The first letter dated June 12, 2013 was sent by Certified Mail 7012 3050 0001 2091 4645 and informed Defendants that the FEMA Grant Funds had to be returned to the State of Louisiana. The Return Receipt was signed on June 17, 2013. *Exhibit D (in globo)*.

7.

The second letter dated February 5, 2015 was mailed to Defendants. *Exhibit E (in globo)*.

8.

The third letter dated April 13, 2015 was mailed to Defendants. *Exhibit F (in globo)*.

9.

Defendants have failed to respond to the letters and have failed to return the funds to the State.

10.

Defendants' failure to return the FEMA Grant Funds has resulted in Defendants owing to HMGP the unearned federal funds, which must be recovered by HMGP, the State program charged with distributing FEMA funds for mitigation projects.

11.

HMGP must account to FEMA for all funds issued to homeowners. Failure of HMGP to recover the FEMA Grant Funds from Defendants will result in reimbursement to FEMA being required by the State of Louisiana.

HMGP requests that the debt of \$9,475.50 owed by Essie L. Robertson and George Robertson to HMGP be recognized and that judgment in favor of HMGP be granted, directing Defendant to return and pay the FEMA Grant Funds to the State, in full.

ALL PREMISES CONSIDERED, WHEREFORE, HMGP PRAYS:

- a. That this Honorable Court declare that Defendants, Essie L. Robertson and George Robertson, are non-compliant with the Voluntary Participation Agreement signed by them;
- b. That this Honorable Court declare that Defendants, Essie L. Robertson and George Robertson, are indebted to HMGP in the amount of \$9,475.50 because of their failure to elevate their home according to their agreement to abide by HMGP guidelines, including using HMGP funds for their intended purpose;
- c. That Defendants, Essie L. Robertson and George Robertson, be ordered to return the \$9,475.50 HMGP grant to HMGP, in full;
- d. That there be judgment rendered herein in favor of HMGP and against Defendants, Essie L. Robertson and George Robertson, in the full sum \$9,475.50;
- e. That Defendants, Essie L. Robertson and George Robertson, be assessed all costs and fees associated with this matter ; and
- f. That the Court grant such other relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted:

FOR HMGP:



La Koshia R. Roberts
Bar Roll No. 26715
State of Louisiana, through
its Division of Administration
2021 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 100
New Orleans, Louisiana 70122
Telephone: (504) 284-4022
Facsimile: (504) 284-4091
LaKoshia.Roberts@la.gov

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(La.R.S. 13:4521 and 13:5112)**

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VERIFICATION

CONSIDERING THE FOREGOING PETITION FOR RECOVERY OF HAZARD
MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS:

I, CRAIG P. TAFFARO, JR., Director of the State of Louisiana's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, declare under penalty of perjury that the representations made in the foregoing Petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, belief and understanding.

THUS DONE ON THIS 22nd DAY OF July 2015 IN NEW ORLEANS,
LOUISIANA.

C. P. Taffaro, Jr.

Craig P. Taffaro, Jr.

La Koshia Reconda Roberts

La Koshia Reconda Roberts
Notary Public
Bar Roll No. 26715
My Commission expires at death.

PLEASE SERVE:

ESSIE L. ROBERTSON
2648 5TH STREET
SLIDELL, LA 70458

AND

GEORGE ROBERTSON
2648 5TH STREET
SLIDELL, LA 70458

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OCD-DRU
HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM
VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (VPA)

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Complete and return this form by mail to:

OCD-DRU HMGP Program
P. O. Box 1089
Hammond, LA 70401-1089

MALISE PRIETO-CLERK
Deputy *S/ Addie Nofelman*

Road Home # 06HH/12780

SECTION 1: Mitigation ELECTION (check one)

- ☐ I/We have sold the home that was damaged during the storm and therefore will not be participating in the OCD-DRU HMGP Award Program.
- ☐ I/We are not interested in receiving an OCD-DRU HMGP Award
- IF YOU CHECKED EITHER OF THE ABOVE: SIGN BELOW AND RETURN THIS FORM, OTHERWISE CONTINUE.

Essie Robertson
Applicant or Co-Applicant NAME

Essie Robertson
Applicant or Co-Applicant SIGNATURE

4/15/10
Date

George Robertson
Applicant or Co-Applicant NAME

George Robertson
Applicant or Co-Applicant SIGNATURE

4/15/10
Date

Home Phone: *(985) 605-3399*

Cell Phone: _____

Are you signing as an agent with Power of Attorney (POA) for an applicant? YES NO If signing as agent with Power of Attorney:

Agent NAME (person with POA)

Agent SIGNATURE

Date

☒ I/WE AM/ARE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING AN OCD-DRU HMGP AWARD. IF YOU CHECK THIS BOX, YOU NEED TO MEET ALL CRITERIA IN SECTION 2.

SECTION 2: PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

A homeowner must meet ALL of the following criteria to be considered for the OCD-DRU HMGP Award:

- Applicant is eligible for Road Home Program benefits as part of the Homeowner Assistance Program. (NOTE: Even if a homeowner received a zero award letter from Road Home, that homeowner may still be eligible for money through the OCD-DRU HMGP.
- Homeowner selected Road Home Option 1 -- "Keep Our Home".
- Homeowner still owns the home that was eligible for Road Home benefits.
- The structure is located in a FEMA designated ABFE area or the mitigation activity is deemed cost beneficial according to FEMA guidelines. (IMMs are not required to undergo a cost benefit analysis since FEMA has determined all IMMs to be globally cost beneficial for this grant.
- Homeowner agrees to comply with all OCD-DRU HMGP guidelines.

04/15/2010 4:20PM (GMT-05:00)

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SECTION 3: I AM INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM/S:

☒ Pilot Reconstruction ☒ Elevation ☒ Individual Mitigation Measures (IMM)

SECTION 4: VPA STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

This Agreement of Voluntary Participation is made on 4/15/10 (date). I/We are the owner of the following property, eligible for Road Home assistance and damaged by Hurricane Katrina and/or Rita at the following municipal address:

2648 5th St Slide 11, La St Tammany 70458 (the "Property").
Street City Parish ZIP

I/We currently plan to participate in the OCD-DRU HMGP Program. I/We understand that participation in OCD-DRU HMGP Program and understand that:

- The program is voluntary in nature;
- I/We are under no obligation to participate;
- I/We may drop out of the program at any time before receiving an award;
- The program reimburses cost of mitigation measures, homeowner must complete measures and request reimbursement from OCD-DRU's HMGP;
- Due to limited funding, IMM will be serviced on a "first come, first serve" basis until all funding is exhausted.

☒ I/We understand that before cost will be reimbursed that an OCD-DRU HMGP Covenant must signed, which requires the property owner to obtain and maintain flood insurance. The OCD-DRU HMGP will be recorded with Conveyance Records in the parish where the property is located.

For Pilot Reconstruction Projects:

- Property owner has been notified that the reconstructed structure total square footage cannot exceed 10% of the total square footage of the original structure on or before the date of the event for which funding is authorized.
- Property owner has been notified that the maximum award amount is \$100,000, less duplication of benefits.
- Property owner confirms that the information described in the preceding paragraphs has been explained and the information is understood.

Eric Robertson Eric Robertson 4/15/10
Applicant or Co-Applicant NAME Applicant or Co-Applicant SIGNATURE Date

George Robertson George Robertson 4-15-10
Applicant or Co-Applicant NAME Applicant or Co-Applicant SIGNATURE Date

Are you signing as an agent with Power of Attorney (POA) for an applicant? YES NO If signing as agent with Power of Attorney:

Agent NAME (person with POA) Agent SIGNATURE Date

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Deputy *Staddie Mayclair*

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- Popular Reports
- Procedures and Procedures Manual
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- Supplemental Report
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Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy

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Payee Detail

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Sort the information below by clicking on the column headers. Click on the agency number below for contact information.

Payee Remittance Address: 2648 FIFTH ST
SLIDELL, LA 70458

Check/EFT Number: EF 00000491127
Check/EFT Date: 05/25/2010
Status Change Date: 05/25/2010
Status: Cleared

Check/EFT Line Details:
(click on agency for contact information)

Check/EFT Total: 9,475.50

Total Number of Lines : 1

Agency	Document ID	Ref Doc ID	Invoice #	Comments	Line Amount
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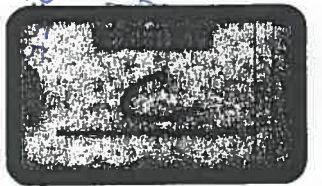
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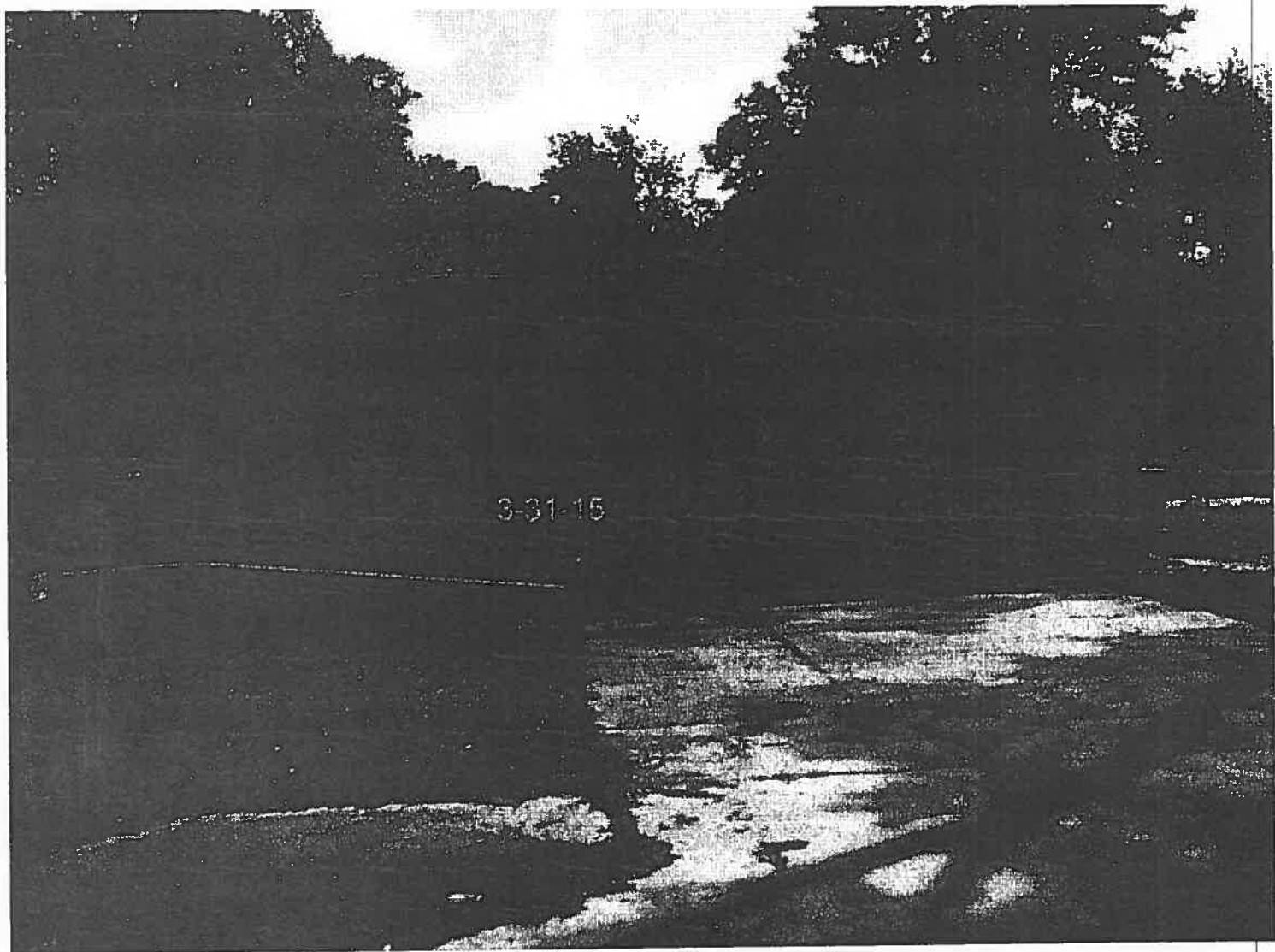
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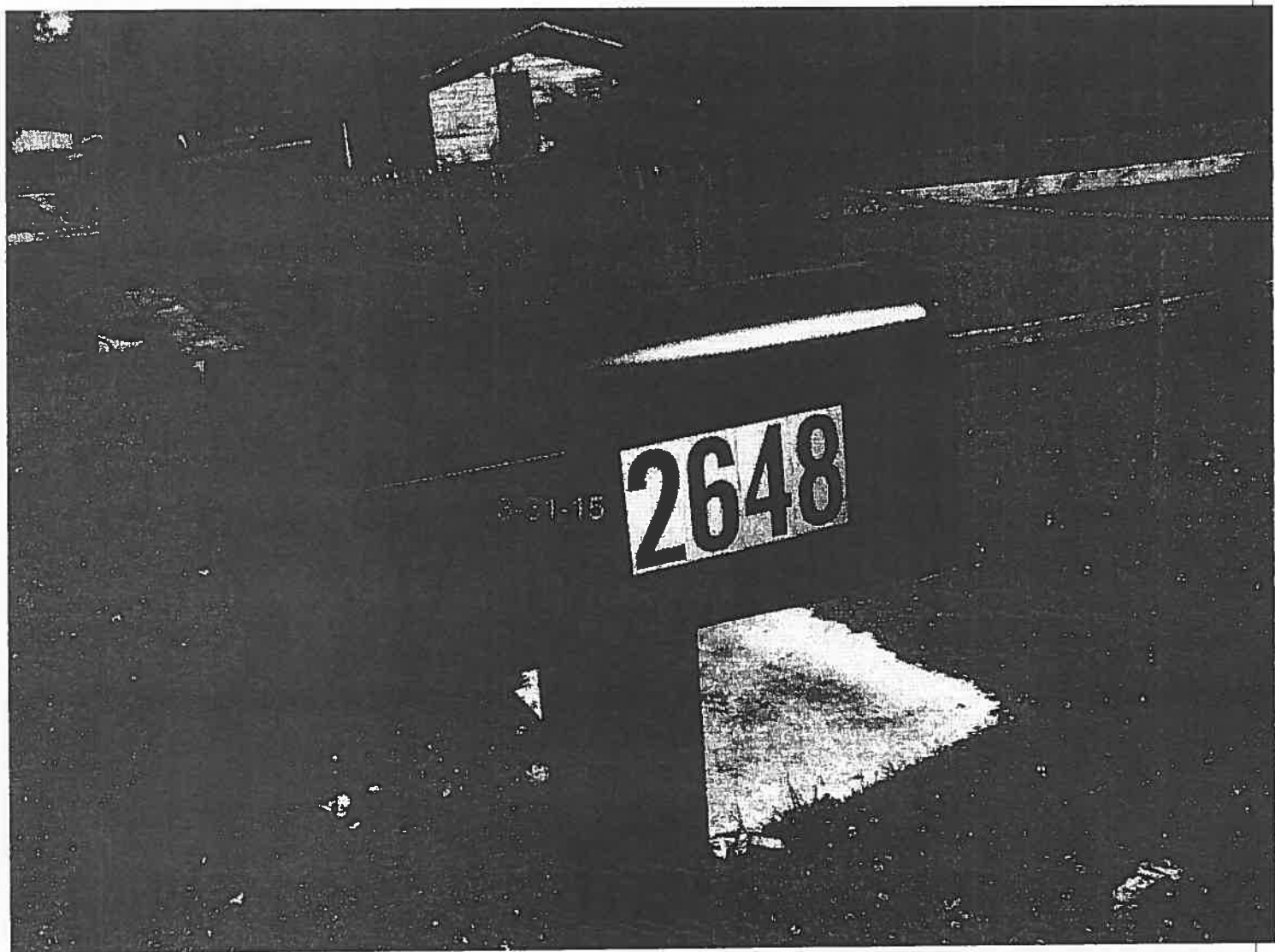
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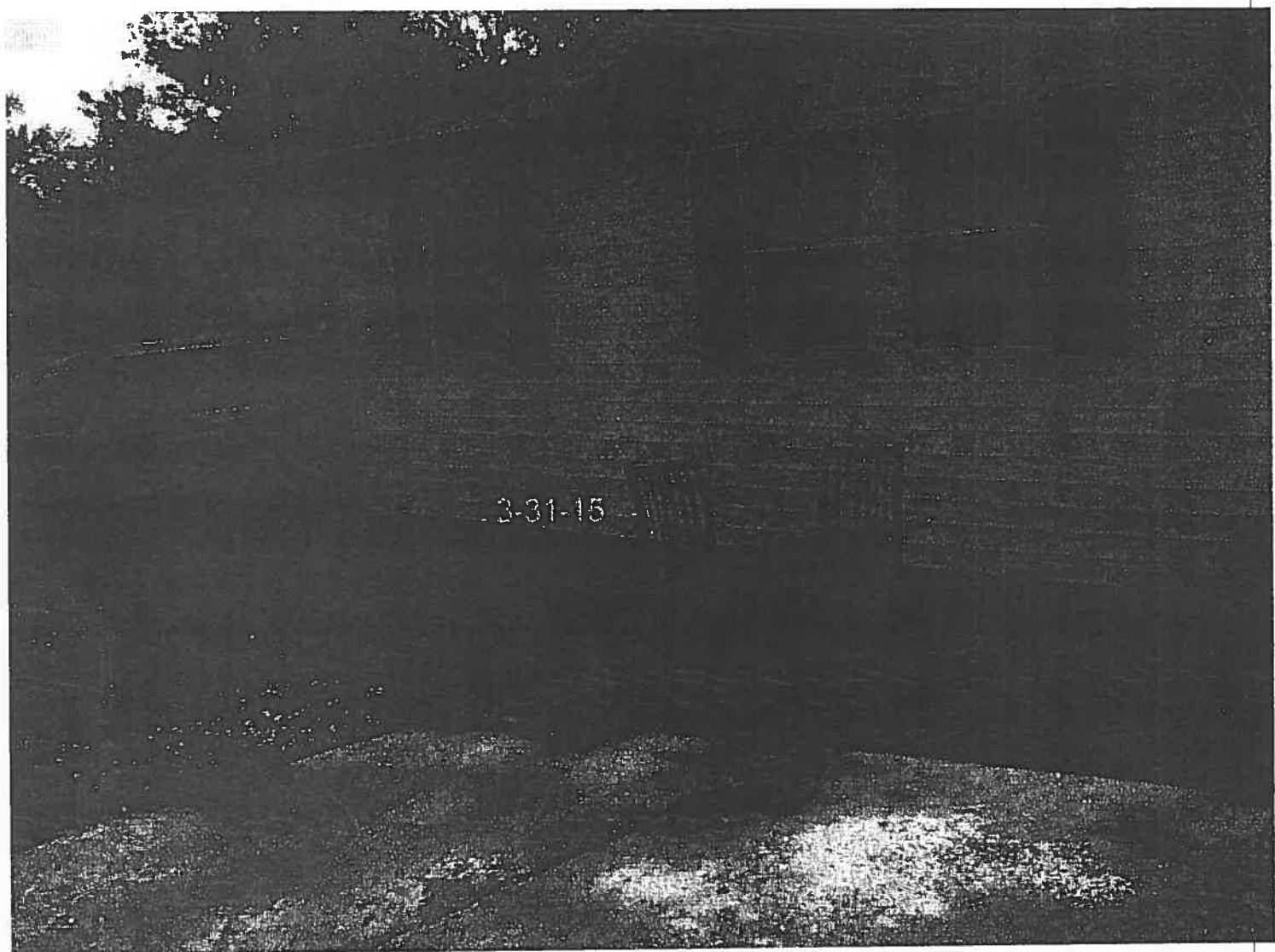
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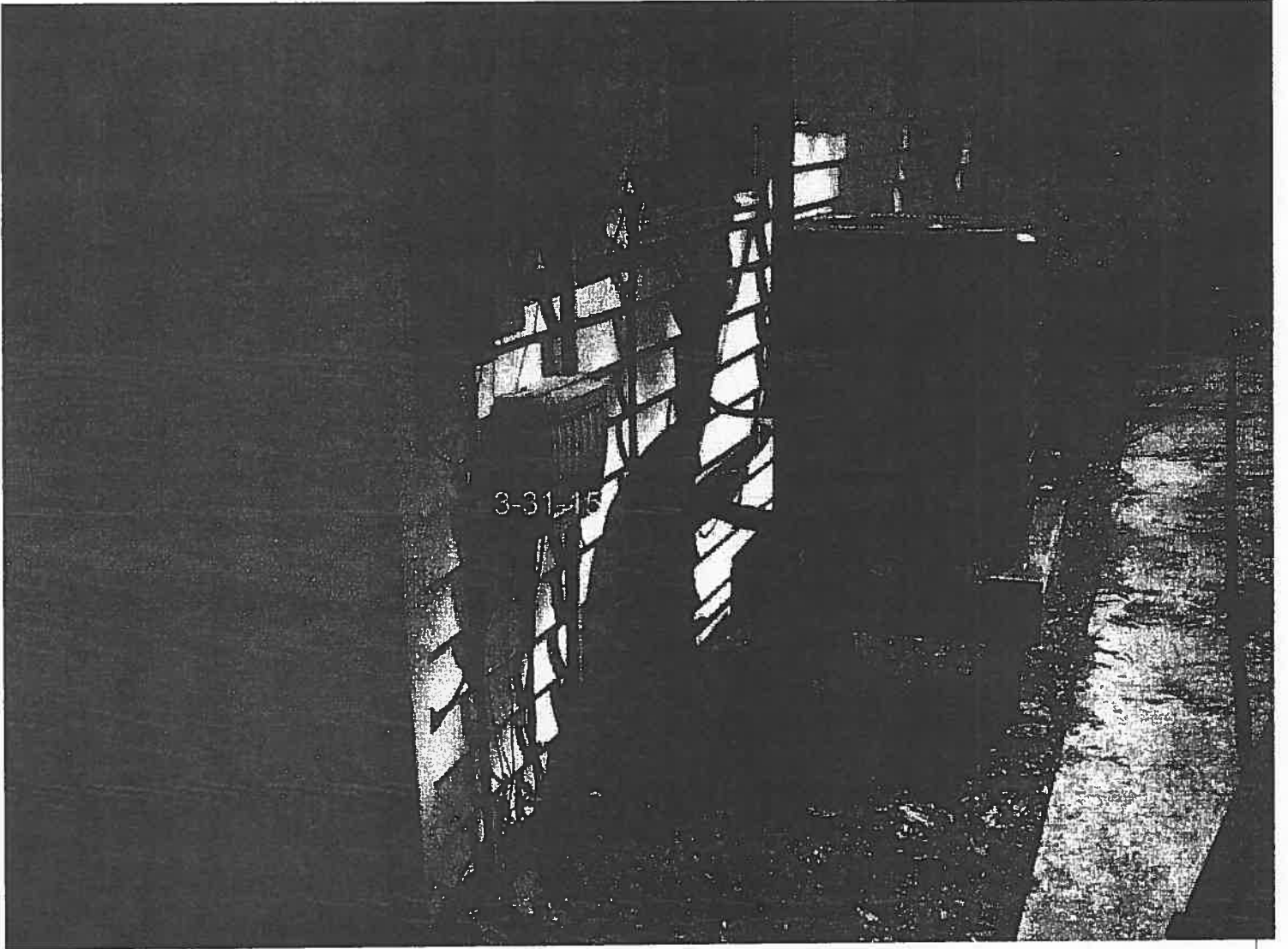


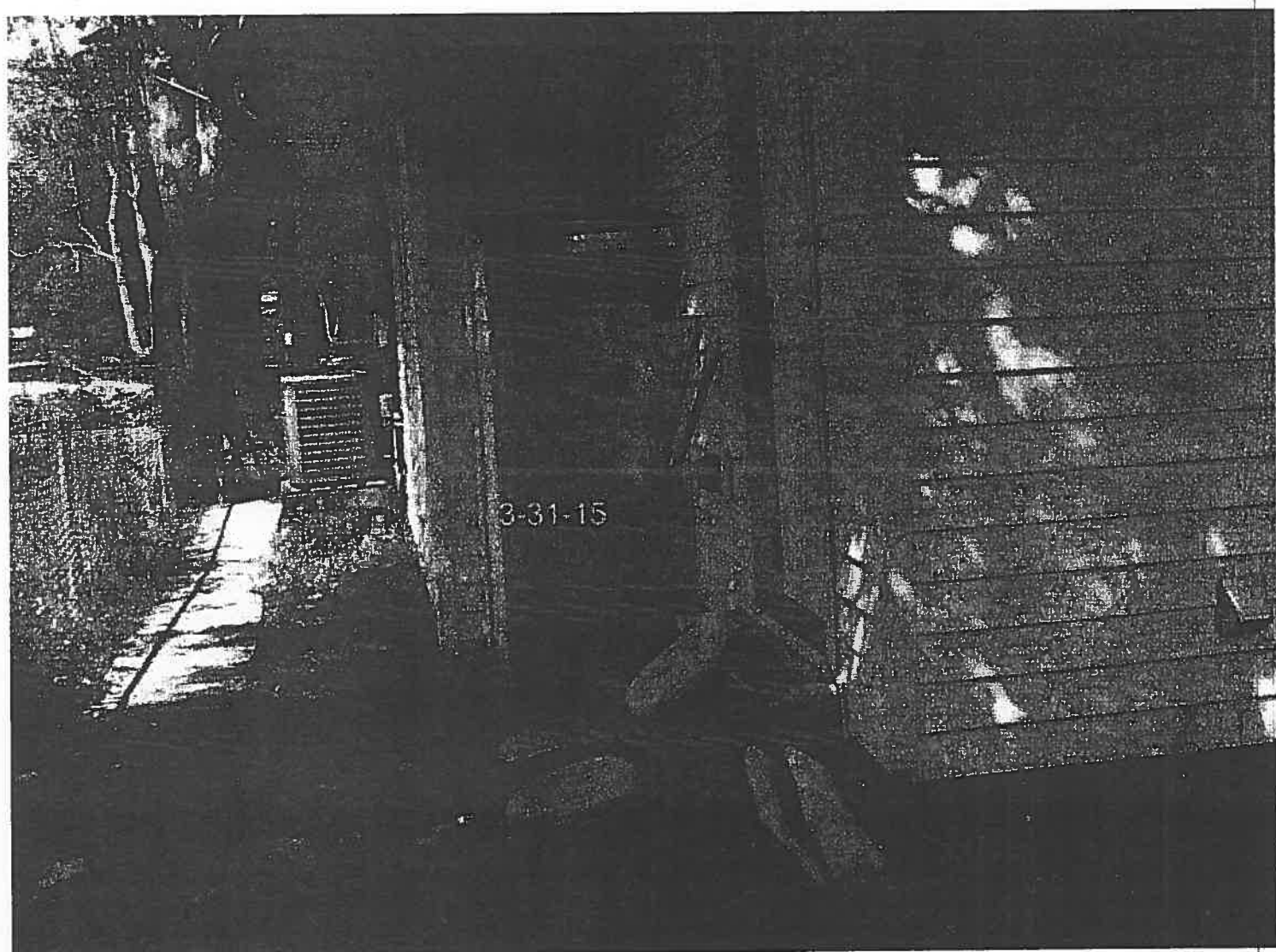




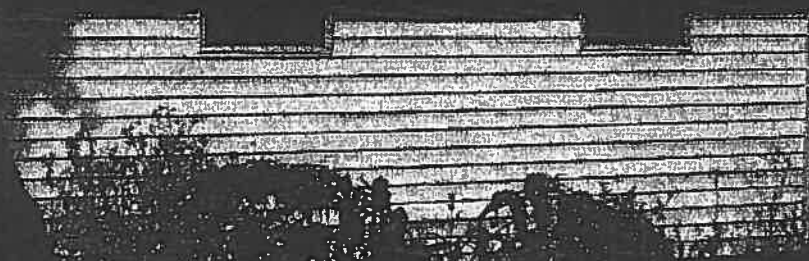
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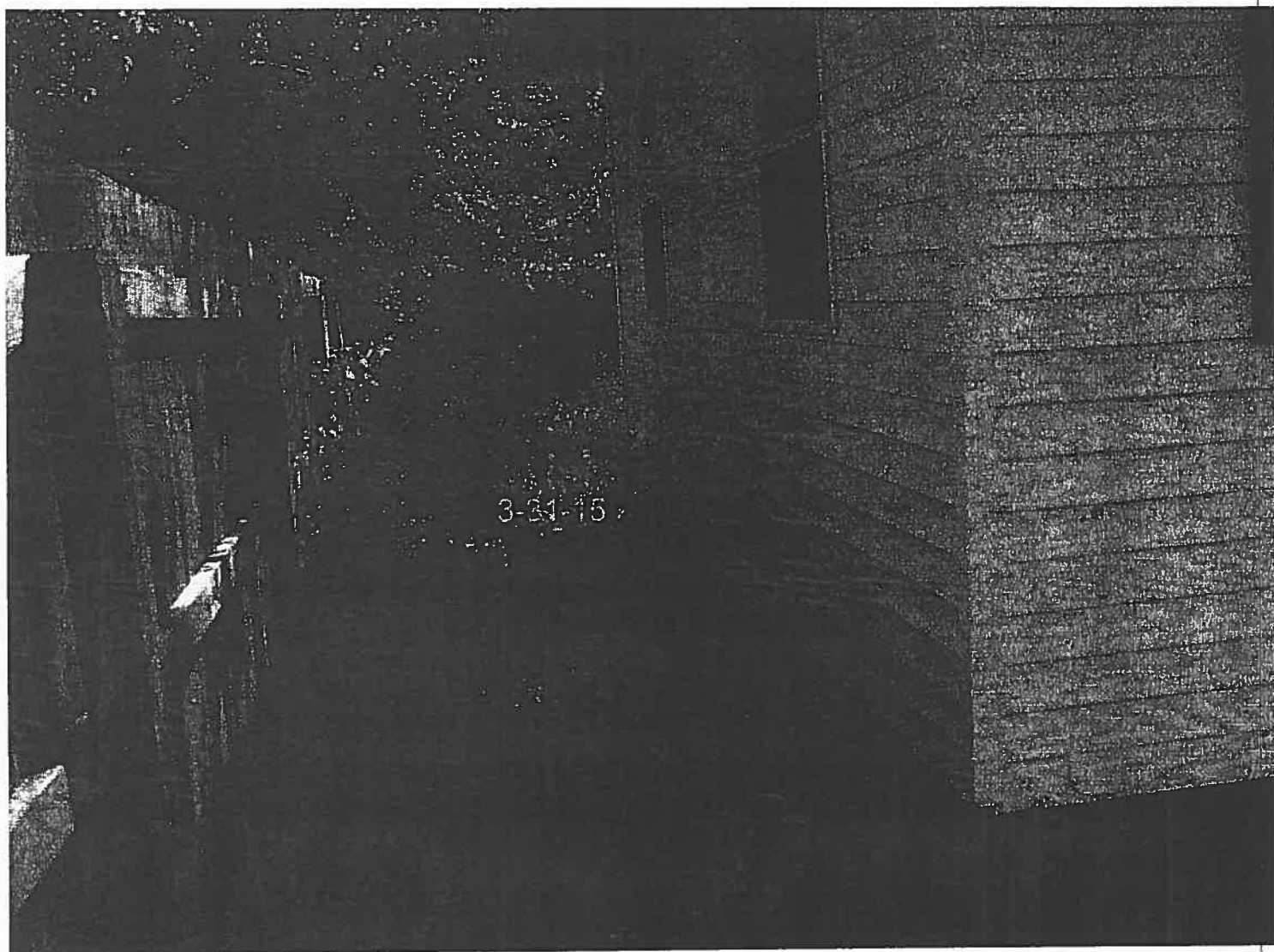




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June 12, 2013

Road Home ID: 06HH112780

ESSIE L ROBERTSON
2648 5TH STREET
SLIDELL, LA 70458

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SUBJECT: Verification of Mitigation Grant Funds

MALISE PRIETO-CLERK
Deputy *S/ Addie Moxley*

Dear ESSIE L ROBERTSON:

A review has been completed on your Hazard Mitigation grant file in order to confirm you received the correct amount of grant funds. The grant requires that the homeowner meet specific requirements listed in the Alternative Payment Option Affidavit and Agreement. Failure to satisfy the conditions listed in the Alternative Payment Option Affidavit and Agreement and the OCD-DRU HMGP Covenant will place you in default of this agreement. In hopes that your input may prevent the need to seek a return of grant funds, please review the information below for accuracy and provide additional documentation as necessary.

Our review has determined that the following apply to your grant(s).

• Grant funds were not used for the purposes intended and/or in accordance with the policies of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Due to the determination noted above, your grant values have been adjusted:

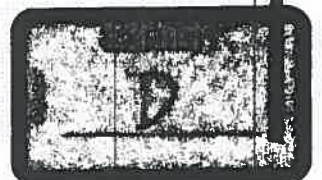
HMGP Grant Funds Received		Adjusted HMGP Values	
Elevation Grant	\$9,475.50	Elevation Grant	\$0.00
Individual Mitigation Measures (IMM)	\$0.00	Individual Mitigation Measures (IMM)	\$0.00
Reconstruction Grant	\$0.00	Reconstruction Grant	\$0.00
Total HMGP Funds Received	\$9,475.50	Total Hazard Mitigation Benefit	\$0.00

Based on the calculations above, our records indicate that the overpayment of your Hazard Mitigation Grant 06HH112780 is \$9,475.50.

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OF THE RETURN ADDRESS. FOLD AT DOTTED LINE

CERTIFIED MAILTM



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Please understand that the State of Louisiana remains committed to ensuring that your application was processed in an accurate and fair manner, and in accordance with all governing laws, rules, and policies. We have assigned Deidra Davis, a case manager in our office, to work with you in connection with this request for input.

If you believe that the reason(s) stated above for the change of your grant amount is wrong, we need you to provide information for our consideration that shows the above finding is incorrect. Please return ATTACHMENT 1 (page 3 of this letter) with all supporting documentation to OCD for a final review.

Your response must be postmarked within thirty (30) days of the date at the top of this notification letter. If you have additional questions regarding this letter, please call 225-330-0719 or send email to deidra.davis@mitigatela.org for assistance.

If you agree with the finding that an overpayment has occurred, you can return the funds as provided in Attachment 1. If you are unable to provide a full payment at this time, please contact your case manager for further instructions.

We appreciate your assistance in connection with this request. Failure to respond will be interpreted as your confirmation of this calculation and determination, and may result in additional collection activities.

Sincerely,

Office of Community Development - HMGP

OCD-DRU HMGP is a federally-funded program. Providing false or misleading information in an attempt to fraudulently obtain HMGP funds is a federal violation and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Title 18, Section 1001 of the U.S. Code states that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly making false or fraudulent statements to any department of the United States Government. Because the HMGP program is a federally-funded program, applicants are subject to Title 18, Section 1001 of the U.S. Code.

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Attachment 1

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY THE BELOW NAMED APPLICANT AND RETURNED BY MAIL TO THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ON OR BEFORE July 17, 2013.

Road Home ID: 06HH112780

ESSIE L ROBERTSON
2648 5TH STREET
SLIDELL, LA 70458

Case Manager: Deidra Davis

Please select one (1) option below. This form must be returned within thirty (30) days of the date on this letter.

- ☐ I have elected to return the overpayment to the Office of Community Development, Disaster Recovery Unit. I have enclosed my certified check, made payable to "Louisiana Division of Administration - DRU", in the amount of \$9,475.50 mailed to:

Division of Administration
Office of Community Development
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
Finance Department
P.O. Box 706
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

- ☐ I agree with the finding that an overpayment has occurred but cannot make full payment at this time. Please have my case manager contact me. My proposed repayment plan is attached.
- ☐ I disagree with the finding of an overpayment of my Hazard Mitigation grant and have enclosed supporting documents. The following factors used to calculate my award are incorrect:

PRINTED NAME: _____ Date _____

SIGNATURE: _____

- ☐ I am not the primary applicant for this case. If checked, please state your relationship:

ENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired. Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you. Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

Article Addressed to:

ESSIE ROBERTSON

2648 5TH ST

SLIDE, LA 70458

112780

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature
☒ X

B. Received by (Printed Name)
ESSIE ROBERTSON

C. Date of Delivery
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D. Is delivery address different from item 1?
If YES, enter delivery address below:
☐ Yes
☒ No

3. Service Type
☒ Certified Mail
☐ Registered
☐ Insured Mail
☐ Express Mail
☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise
☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)
☐ Yes

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SUBJECT: Final HMGP Collection Attempt

MALISE PRIETO-CLERK
Deputy *S. Adde Nolan*

Dear ESSIE ROBERTSON,

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program has previously informed you of the need to reconcile the grant funds that were disbursed to you for your specific mitigation activity. The Program has previously sent you correspondence regarding the need to reconcile these funds. Because you have not responded, either through the return of grant funds or by providing satisfactory proof of completion of the funded mitigation activity, you are hereby notified that the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is required to pursue collection of all funds.

You should be aware that the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program will use all available resources to recoup the grant funds disbursed to you including, but not limited to, collection agency services, wage garnishments, civil action, and income tax return liens.

This is the last correspondence you will receive from the Program in an attempt to collect these funds. If you fail to return the \$9,475.50 owed to the State within five (5) calendar days your file will then be referred to the appropriate agencies for collection efforts as well as review for potential criminal violations. All future correspondence will be directly from the appropriate collection agency. A table has been attached describing the grant funds received and the related activity for those funds.

You may stop the above actions by immediately contacting the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program at (504) 284-4067 to make acceptable repayment arrangements. Once your file has been referred for collection, your ability to reconcile the funds directly with the Program will end.

Respectfully,

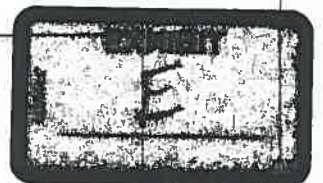
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Director, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
and Recovery Coordination

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Our review has determined that the following apply to your Elevation grant(s) because the applicant performed no mitigation activity and provided no proof of payment:

HMGP Grant Funds Received		Adjusted HMGP Values	
Elevation Grant	\$9,475.50	Elevation Grant	\$9,475.50
Individual Mitigation Measures (IMM)	\$ 0.00	Individual Mitigation Measures (IMM)	\$ 0.00
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Payment should be delivered to the following address:

State of Louisiana
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
2021 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 100
New Orleans, La. 70122

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HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

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Deputy *S/Adm. Inellan*

2021 LAKESHORE DRIVE, SUITE 100, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70122 • PHONE: 504-284-4020

April 13, 2015

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ESSIE ROBERTSON
2648 FIFTH STREET
SLIDELL LA 70458

Re: Collection of Outstanding Debt in the Amount of **\$9,475.50**

Dear ESSIE ROBERTSON:

This letter is pursuant to your agreement to voluntarily participate in the State of Louisiana's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ("HMGP") and to comply with all HMGP and Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") rules and guidelines, which includes the proper use of Federal grant funds for the mitigation of your home located at 2648 FIFTH STREET SLIDELL.

You have been notified on multiple occasions via demand letters about your debt owed to HMGP in the amount of **\$9,475.50**. However, you have continuously disregarded these notices. You have also been given the opportunity to execute a re-payment agreement which would allow you to satisfy your debt within an agreed upon timeframe and at an agreed monthly amount. However, as of this date, you have failed to and/or refused to execute a re-payment agreement.

If payments have been paid pursuant to a payment agreement, then you should immediately contact the Program to verify the amount currently owed to the Program.

Please know that litigation and/or prosecution will be instituted against you for the collection of your unresolved debt.

Sincerely,

La Koshia R. Roberts

La Koshia R. Roberts
Attorney for HMGP

